GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BHARAT RATNA AWARD
Mishra Shri Bhairon Prasad

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down for awarding Bharat Ratna;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal to award Bharat Ratna to Major Dhyanchand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU

(a) & (c): Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian Award of the country. It is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/ performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour. The recommendations for the Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister to the President of India. Although no formal recommendations for Bharat Ratna are necessary, the recommendations have been received for Bharat Ratna to Late Major Dhyan Chand from several quarters. These recommendations have been forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office.